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For: ELECTRONIC COMMERCE SUPPORT  
METHOD AND APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

A Continued Prosecution Application is being filed  
concurrently herewith.

Before examination on the merits, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claim 1, and add new claims 29-36 as follows:

1. (Amended) An electronic commerce support method for  
managing trading in a client connected to a server for  
providing electronic commerce services to receive the  
electronic commerce services, comprising the steps of:

transmitting an order for a product on the  
electronic commerce in response to an input by a user to said  
server through a communication network[,];

receiving trading information including an e-mail  
address, a trading identifier associated with said order and